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Sub B5  
Cont  
--11. (Amended) The aluminium workpiece of [any one of claims 8 to 10] claim 8, wherein the adhesion promoter coating is present at a weight of 2-100 mg/m<sup>2</sup>.--

AA2  
Cont  
--12. (Amended) The aluminium workpiece of [any one of claims 8 to 11] claim 8, wherein the Cr, Mn, Mo, Si, Ti, Zr and F of the adhesion promoter are inorganic.--

Sub B6  
--13. (Amended) The aluminium workpiece of [any one of claims 8 to 12] claim 8, which is primed sheet for automotive use.--

AA3  
Sub B7  
--18. (Amended) The method of claim 16 [or claim 17], wherein the aluminium workpiece is aluminium sheet.--

AA4  
--20. (Amended) The method of [any one of claims 15 to 19] claim 15, wherein the adhesion promoter is one containing one or more of Cr, Mn, Mo, Si, Ti, Zr and F.--

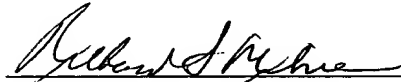
#### REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are presented for examination. Claims 4-7, 10-13, 18, and 20 were amended to eliminate multiple dependencies. Claim 7 has also been amended to correct a spelling error.

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It is submitted that this Preliminary Amendment will facilitate an early and favorable examination of the application on its merits.

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